



# THOMAS FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

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Date: 12/21/2017 Time: 7:00 PM

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## STATUS

Incident Start Date: 12/04/2017		Incident Start Time: 6:26 P.M.	
Incident Type: Wildland Fire		Cause: Under Investigation	
Incident Location: Santa Paula / Ventura		Expected Containment: 01/07/2018	
Total Acreage: 272,600		Containment: 65%	
Firefighter Fatalities: 1	Firefighter Injuries: 0	Civilian Injuries: 0	
Total Cost To Date: \$170,039,500.00			
Structures Threatened: 18,000	Single Family Residences Destroyed: 775	Single Family Residences Damaged: 208	
Multiple Residence Destroyed: 2	Mixed Commercial/Residential Destroyed: 2		
Commercial Structures Destroyed: 19	Other Minor Structures Destroyed: 265	Other Minor Structures Damaged: 59	

## RESOURCES

Engines: 290	Water Tenders: 45	Helicopters: 26	Air Tankers: 0	Hand Crews: 133
Dozers: 26	Other: 6	Total Personnel: 4729		

## SITUATION

Current Situation:	<p>The dry cold front moved through the area and was replaced by weak offshore flow. Winds gusting to 50 miles per hour produced no remarkable fire activity in the Montecito area, Camino Cielo or Fillmore. The firing operation was impacted by relative humidity of 90 percent and received a small amount snow. As the afternoon progressed, relative humidity decreased allowing firing operations to resume.</p> <p>The fire area has not received any rainfall over .10 inches since February. Live fuel conditions are far below critical levels. ERCs have dipped with the last 36 hours of humidity.</p> <p>Crews are mopping the Camino Cielo to strengthen the fireline there. To the north of Camino Cielo, direct and indirect line construction is ongoing toward the Zaca fire, with cold trailing occurring as possible. Direct line construction is continuing within the Zaca fire footprint. Firing to Rose Valley will continue. East of Rose Valley crews will continue direct line construction, moving toward the Sespe Wilderness boundary.</p>
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	<p>North of the community of Fillmore fire behavior has been minimal where it has backed into the Sespe drainage. To the north, the fire is slowly moving through the Sespe Wilderness and Bear Haven area, where it is being closely monitored.</p> <p>Carpinteria, the Ojai Valley area, and Highway 126 between Highway 150 and Fillmore are all in patrol status.</p> <p>On 12/22 at 6PM California Incident Management Team 4 and California Interagency Incident Management Team 4 will transfer command of the Thomas fire to California Interagency Incident Management Team 3.</p>
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<p><b>Mandatory Evacuations:</b></p>	<p><b>SANTA BARBARA COUNTY</b> NONE</p> <p><b>UNINCORPORATED VENTURA COUNTY</b> NONE</p>
<p><b>Voluntary Evacuations</b></p>	<p><b>VENTURA COUNTY</b> The residents on Hwy 33 between Rose Valley north to Hartman Ranch remain under voluntary evacuation warning due to fire activity in the nearby area.</p>
<p><b>Evacuation Centers:</b></p>	<p><b>City of Ventura</b> - Ventura County Fairgrounds at Miners Building <b>City of Goleta</b> – UCSB – Recreation Center</p>
<p><b>Animal Evacuations:</b></p>	<p>All animal evacuations are being handled at the Ventura County Fairgrounds located at 10 W Harbor Blvd., Ventura, CA 93001</p>
<p><b>Cooperating Agencies:</b></p>	<p>CAL FIRE, Ventura County Fire, Ventura County Sheriff, Santa Barbara County Fire, Santa Barbara County Sheriff, Santa Barbara City Fire, City of Ventura Fire, Oxnard Fire Department, Oxnard Police Department, City of Ventura Police Department, USFS/Los Padres National Forest, CAL OES, Red Cross, Southern California Edison, CHP, California Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation, SoCalGas, Santa Paula Police, Santa Paula Fire, Ventura County OES, Santa Barbara OEM, Montecito Fire, Carpinteria – Summerland Fire, California Conservation Corp, Cal Trans</p>

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 For more fire information go to <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5670>